

Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, Public Guardianship Subcommittee

State Guardianship Funding

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Guardianship Funding

Fiscal year 2012-2013 Expenditures:

- **\$9,170,050 (54%) County Funds**
- **\$7,094,902 (42%) Federal Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) Funds**
- **\$735,048 (4%) State Funds**

Source: Public Guardianship Ad-Hoc Workgroup Report Prepared for Secretary Aldona Wos Division of Aging and Adult Services, Department of Health and Human Services, December 2013

Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)

Federal SSBG Allotments

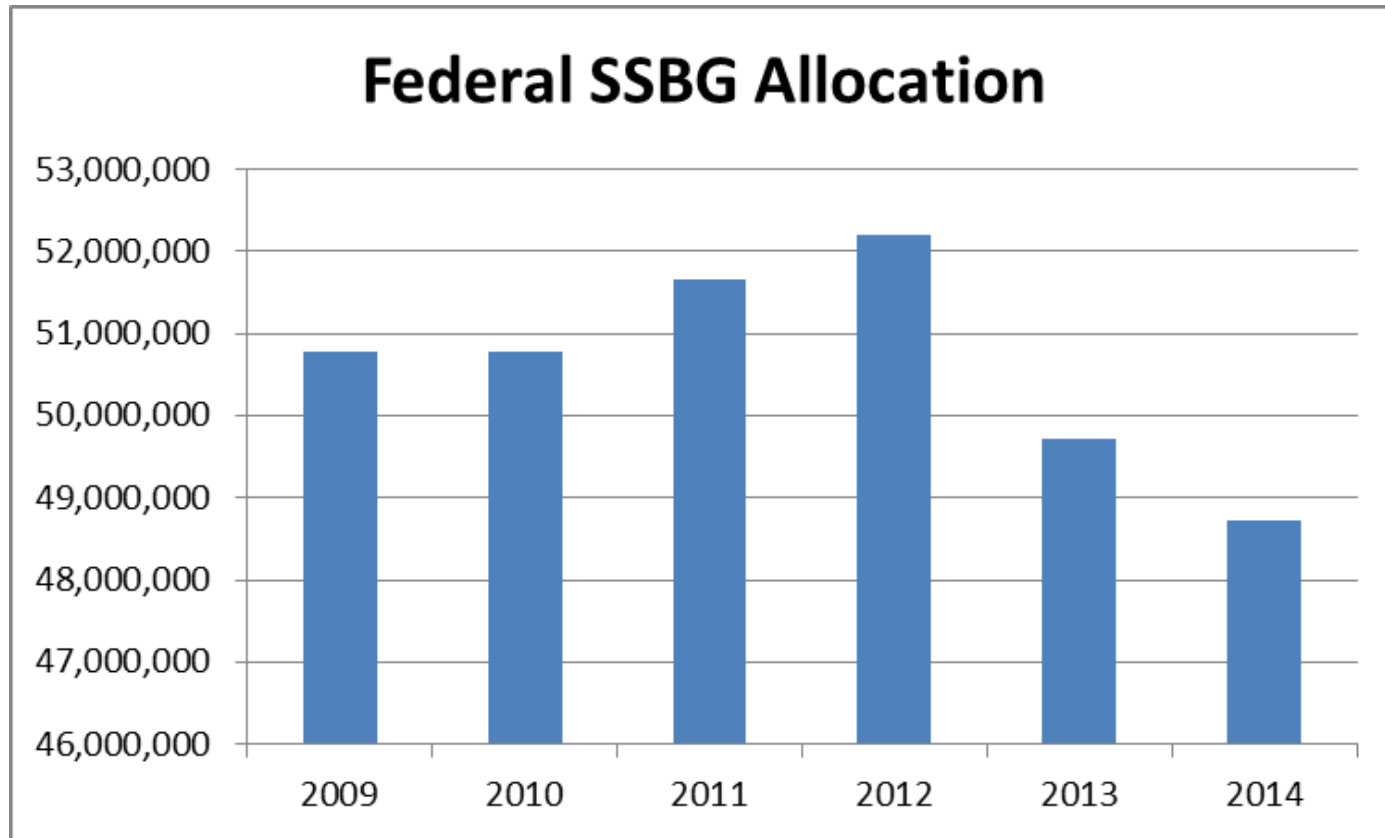
Resident population determines state-by-state allotments.

Federal block grant funds may be used to provide services directed toward one of the following five goals specified in the law:

- 1. to prevent, reduce, or eliminate dependency;**
- 2. to achieve or maintain self-sufficiency;**
- 3. to prevent neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children and adults;**
- 4. to prevent or reduce inappropriate institutional care; and**
- 5. to secure admission or referral for institutional care when other forms of care are not appropriate.**

Source: Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Social Services Block Grant SSBG Program Number: 93.667

North Carolina Federal Social Services Block Grant Allocation

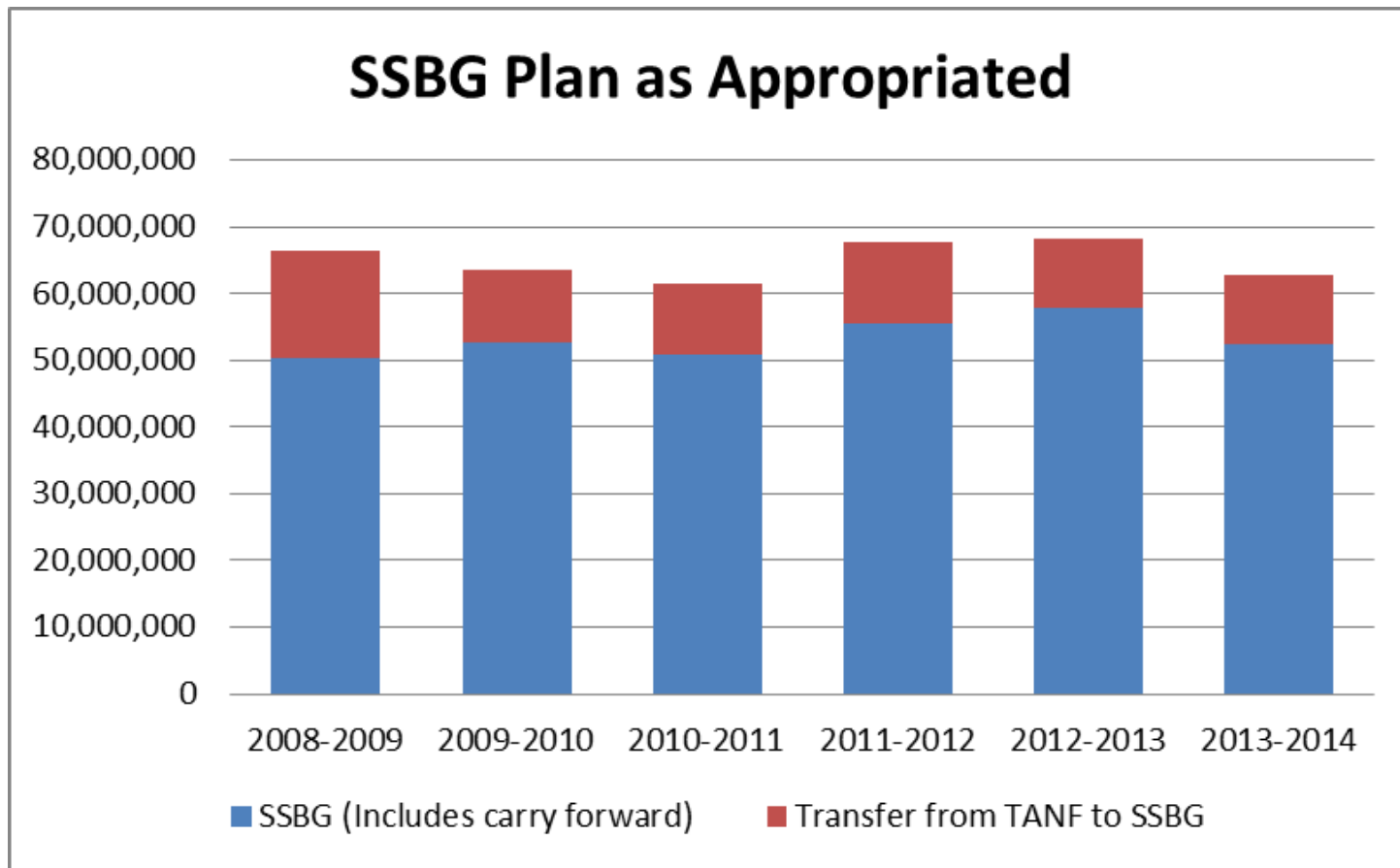


SSBG is subject to the Budget Control Act of 2011. The total available for all states was reduced by 5.1 % for the 2013 federal year and 7.2% for the 2014 federal year.

North Carolina Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) Plan

- **The Social Services Block Grant Plan is appropriated in the budget bill each year.**
- **The availability for SSBG consists of:**
 - **Federal SSBG Allotment**
 - **Carry forward funding**
 - **Transfer of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant funding**

North Carolina Social Services Block Grant Plan



Note: There has been a 7.88% decrease in SSBG availability from fiscal year 2012-13 to 2013-2014.

Source: Session Law 2008-107, Session Law 2009-451, Session Law 2010-31, Session Law 2011-145, Session Law 2012-142, Session Law 2013-360

Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) – State Requirements

- **There are 30 services that may be reimbursed with SSBG funds. Of these 30 services, 13 services are required to be available in each county.**
- **County allocations are determined by the percentage of the statewide population residing within each county; and the percentage of the statewide SSI recipients, food stamp recipients, TANF recipients and Medicaid eligible individuals residing in each county.**
- **Most services provided utilizing SSBG funds, including guardianship services, require a 25% match.**

Source: 10A NCAC 71R.0101 Social Services Block Grant Funded Services and 10A NCAC 71R.0201 Fiscal Management.

Guardianship Funding

There are two allocations of Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funding available for counties to use to fund guardianship services.

1) Direct Guardianship Allocation:

2012-2013 - \$4,356,604

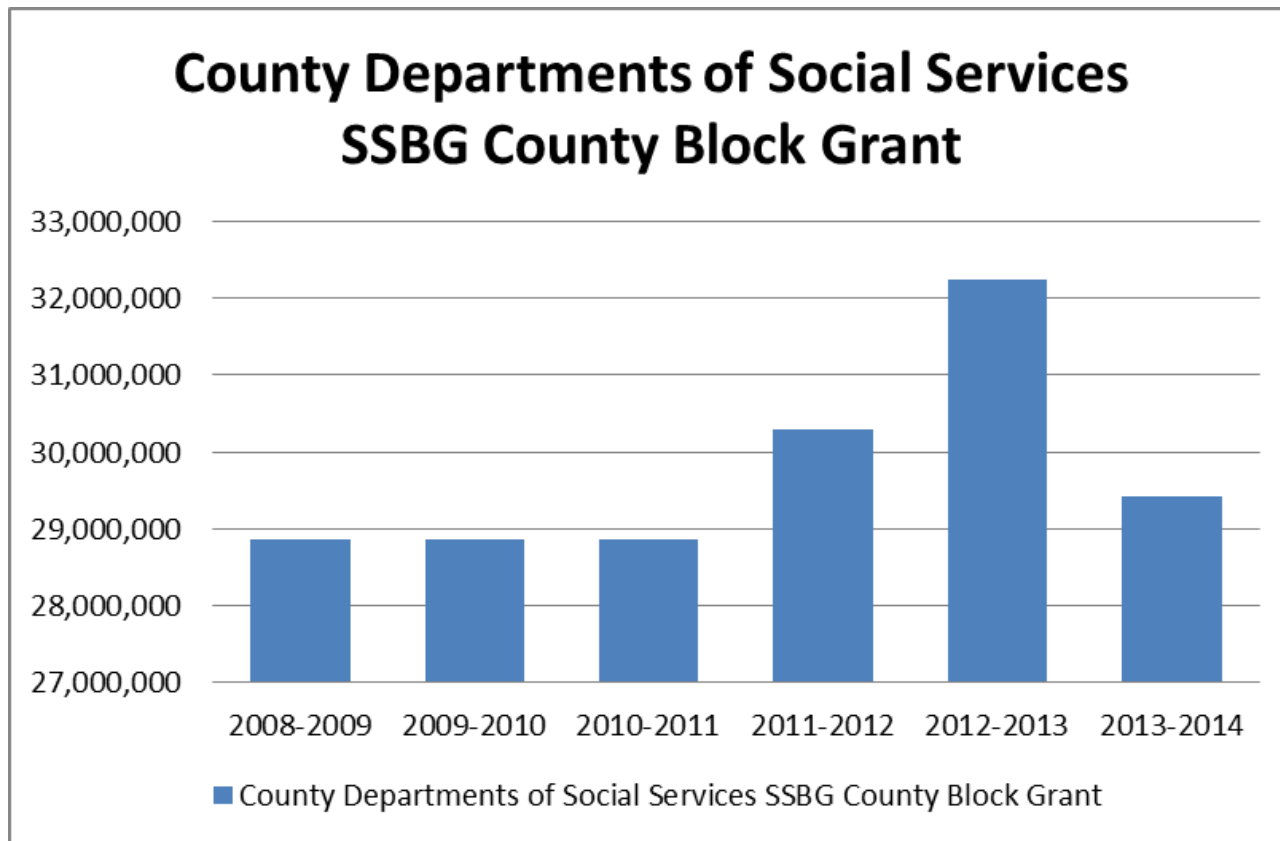
2013-2014 - \$3,978,360

This is a 8.68% reduction.

\$3.2 million of this funding is utilized by the Division of Aging and Adult Services to contract with 10 corporations for public guardianship services. The remainder is included in the flexible allocation of SSBG funds for 27 counties who have wards transitioned from the LMEs/MCOs.

2) County Departments of Social Services allocation.

County Departments of Social Services Allocation



Fiscal year 2013-14 is 8.77% decrease from fiscal year 2012-2013 and a 1.92% increase from 2010-2011.

Sequestration Effect on Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)

- SSBG is subject to the Budget Control Act of 2011. On February 14, 2014, the Office of Community Services notified states of a 7.2% reduction to SSBG for federal fiscal year 2014 due to sequestration.
- The Division of Social Services sent a Dear County Director of Social Services letter on February 25, 2014 informing county departments of social services that:
 - The fourth quarter SSBG Funding Authorization will be reduced by \$4,076,104. The reduction will be taken proportionately by county.
 - Counties will receive additional Permanency Planning funds equal to the amount of their SSBG reduction. These funds will be subject to a 10% administration cap as required under Title IV-B subpart 1.

Sources: Office of Community Services SSBG Dear Colleague FY 2014 2nd Quarter Allocations Published: February 20, 2014. North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services February 25, 2014, Dear County Director of Social Services, Subject: Sequestration of SSBG.

Questions?

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